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FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF STATEMENT TO BE GIVEN  
BY U.S. DELEGATION ON THE INDOCHINA PROJECT. DEPT  
INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

1. MY DELEGATION HAS TAKEN NOTE OF AND STUDIED CARE-  
FULLY DOCUMENT E/ICEF/L.1307, THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM  
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE UNICEF RELIEF  
AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN THE INDOCHINA PENINSULA.  
YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED THE  
DECISION TO MOUNT A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINA WHEN  
IT WAS PROPOSED IN THE LAST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
BOARD, IN MAY, 1973. WE FEEL THAT THIS DECISION WAS  
CONSISTENT WITH UNICEF POLICIES, AND WE CONTINUE TO  
SUPPORT IT.

2. A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THAT DECISION AND MUCH HAS  
BEEN DONE. MY DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY WAS ESPECIALLY  
GRATEFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED DOCUMENT E/ICEF/L.1307. MY  
DELEGATION IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE THOROUGHNESS  
WITH WHICH THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED, AND WISHES  
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TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND

HIS STAFF FOR THE MANNER OF ITS PREPARATION.

3. WITH A YEAR UNDER OUR BELT, SO TO SPEAK, IT MAY BE USEFUL, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO REVIEW WHERE THE INDOCHINA PROGRAM IS HEADING AND TO SEE WHAT ROADBLOCKS, IF ANY, ARE IN THE WAY OF SUCCESS. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, SIR, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU THE VIEWS OF MY DELEGATION ON THESE MATTERS; AND IN SO DOING, MR. CHAIRMAN, I SHALL CONFINE MY REMARKS TO THE VIETNAM PORTION OF THE INDOCHINA PROGRAM.

4. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAS THREE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED UNICEF PROGRAM IN VIETNAM.

5. DURING THE PAST YEAR FUNDING FOR PROJECTS IN AREAS OF THE DRVN AND THE PRG HAS BEEN FROM CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO UNICEF THROUGH A SPECIAL APPEAL BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THIS MEANT THAT NO U.S. MONEY WAS USED IN THESE COMPONENTS OF THE UNICEF INDOCHINA PROGRAM. IF THE PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IS IMPLEMENTED, THE SITUATION WOULD BE ALTERED FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS IN THAT FUNDS FROM GENERAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS FROM SPECIAL APPEALS WOULD BE USED.

6. THE U.S. HAS NOT OPPOSED REASONABLE PROGRAMS BY UNICEF IN SUPPORT OF HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE DRVN AND THE TERRITORIES CONTROLLED BY THE PRG AS LONG AS, AND THESE ARE OUR CONCERNS:

1) THAT THERE IS NO IMPLICATION OF RECOGNITION OF THE PRG (E.G. PROGRAMS SHOULD BE CHanneled THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS GROUP AND 2) THAT NO U.S. MONEY IS USED IN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION IN THE TERRITORIES CONTROLLED BY THE PRG OR THE DRVN, THE LATTER BECAUSE OF THE DRVN'S REFUSAL TO CARRY OUT THE PARIS PEACE ACCORDS.

7. THE U.S. MUST CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT UNICEF'S ACTIONS DO NOT IMPLY RECOGNITION OF THE PRG OR ENHANCE ITS POLITICAL STANDING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE STRONGLY THE USE OF GENERAL RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS IN THE PRG AND DRVN AREAS AND ENDEAVOR TO HAVE

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THEM FUNDED BY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

8. OUR THIRD AND LAST CONCERN, MR. CHAIRMAN, HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT THE 1974 AND 1975 ALLOCATIONS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BEAR LITTLE RELATIONSHIP TO THE POPULATION OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN BETWEEN THESE TWO AREAS. WE WOULD STRESS

THE IMPORTANCE TO UNICEF, AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION,  
OF MAINTAINING A BALANCED PROGRAM CONSONANT WITH THE  
REAL NEEDS OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN AND NOT FAVORING  
CERTAIN GROUPS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS.

9. THESE CONCERNS, MR. CHAIRMAN, SHOULD BE RAISED  
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MASSIVE ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN  
AID PROGRAM MY COUNTRY HAS PROVIDED ON A BILATERAL BASIS  
IN VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA TOTALING OVER \$5.8 BILLION  
SINCE 1964.

10. IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COULD SEEK TO RESOLVE THESE CONCERNS  
AS THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPLEMENTED.  
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